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Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Continue to be the Most Sought After Employees According to HWOL (Help Wanted Online) Data *Over 17,000 New Ads Placed Online*

MONTGOMERY - Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail salespersons, with more than 6,500 ads placed for those occupations in June.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 40,877 online ads this month, 17,564 of those were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$20.15 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.82 per hour, and retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$12.62 per hour.

<u>TOP OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	<u>Online Ads June 2016</u>	<u>Online Ads June 2015</u>	<u>Change (Percent)</u>	<u>Average Hourly Wage</u>
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,365	7,631	-55.9%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	2,156	1,833	17.6%	\$27.82
Retail Salespersons	1,006	1,062	-5.3%	\$12.62
Customer Service Representatives	652	805	-19.0%	\$14.75
Insurance Sales Agents	599	576	4.0%	\$27.63
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	587	374	57.0%	\$8.56
Industrial Engineers	531	666	-20.3%	\$41.35
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	521	734	-29.0%	\$18.23
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	503	636	-20.9%	\$31.54
Computer User Support Specialists	502	726	-30.9%	\$22.49

“Seven of the top ten advertised jobs have average hourly wages in excess of \$20,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “Some of these positions are highly competitive, such as Industrial Engineers and Manufacturing Sales Representatives.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham, Huntsville, and Montgomery.

The top three employers posting ads in were: Pizza Hut (1,106), UAB Medicine (677), and St. Vincent’s Health System (676).

Forty-three percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 34% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

“We’d like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance,” said Washington. “Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want.”

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov.

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